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as a text-book, so much as a hand-book for the busy practitioner. The notes are very complete and satisfactory.

Of the work itself very little need be said, as it has been before the public for some years. It treats the subject, first historically, comparing the Roman law of fraudulent conveyances with the Anglican, and concluding that the latter is largely indebted to the former. The common law doctrine is then outlined and the Statute of 13 Eliz., declaratory of the common law, and on which all our American Statutes are based, is discussed, the aim being to treat the subject in such a manner as to be applicable to the States generally. The questions of who are creditors, and their rights, the rights of debtors, badges of fraud, consideration, what conveyances are not fraudulent, and the voidability of fraudulent transfers are all treated at length. The method of the book is clear and logical.

In the reviewer's opinion the present work will, in its latest form, be of great help to the lawyer in mastering this branch of the law.

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THE AMERICAN PROBATE REPORTS. Containing Recent Cases of General Value Decided in the Courts of the Several States on Points of Probate Law. With Notes and References. By A. A. GREENHOOT, of the New York Bar. Vol. VIII. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1896.

These Reports, of which Vol. VIII., just issued, is the latest, are valuable additions to the list of case-books devoted to special subjects. The practice before probate courts, in one form or another, has for a long time been a most important and pleasant part of the labors of practitioners. The probate laws of the various jurisdictions of the United States are becoming more and more nearly alike and consistent, yet enough differences exist to make a collection of cases of valuable assistance; and of especial value when, as in this volume, the strongest and most ably considered cases are selected from the many jurisdictions.

The subjects covered by the cases of these Reports are: Powers, Duties and Liabilities of Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Testamentary Trustees; Foreign and Ancillary Administration; Testamentary Capacity; Formalities of Execution and Revocation of Wills; Devises, and their Construction; Legacies, their Vesting, Payment, Satisfaction and Ademption; Probate of Wills and Codicils, Foreign Probate, and Last Wills; Adoption and Legitimation of Children, Advancements; Evidence, Powers, Perpetuities, Trusts.

There are Annotations accompanying the cases, which are full and offer great help in the investigation of the various subjects. In this volume there is an exceptionally full and minutely classified Index-Digest of the series of Reports issued up to the present time.

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